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ENCASED OPTICAL ARTICLE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 26, 2003 (Paper No. 11), for which a response is due on November 26, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 26, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.

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